GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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US VISA REGULATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new visa regulations by the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service have affected India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has sought any US assurance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) &(b) As per the information available with the Government, there has been no change in the visa regulations of the United States except in the category of students. For student visa, an applicant can now no longer apply from within United States and has to apply from a country outside United States. This change in US visa policy is applicable to the nationals of all countries including India.

(c)&(d) Since there are no reports of any restrictive visa policy by United States for Indian nationals the question of any US assurance does not arise.